(4) इस मार्ग पर क्षमता को 4000 सीट प्रतिसप्ताह से बढ़ाकर 6000 सीट प्रति सप्ताह कर दिया गया है।

(ग) संशोधित करार दोनों देशों के बीच विमान सेवाओं के विस्तार में कारगर सिद्ध हुआ है तथा इससे द्विपक्षीय व्यापार और पर्यटन के संवर्धन में सहायता मिलेगी।

**Growth of Air cargo of major Airports of Gujarat**

633. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the target and actual growth of Air cargo at main and major Airports of Gujarat during each of the last three years and reasons for shortfall of and growth projections for the next five years;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to handle growing Air cargo traffic particularly in regard to expansions and modernisation of infrastructure facilities and introduction of automation etc.; and

(c) the estimates of investment required for strengthening/expanding infrastructure network to harness growth potential in air cargo for the next five years in Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected.

**Flying Returns Programme of Indian Airlines and Air India**

634. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the present Flying Return Programme of Indian Airlines and Air India there is no need to post the vouchers to the Membership Service Centre;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the fact that several persons have complained that their mileage points have not been credited in their statement; and

(c) if so, steps being taken to improve state of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following steps have been taken in this regard :—

(1) Air India has introduced a new system which has simplified the procedure of accrual of mileage points;

(2) Staff strength and infrastructure of the Member Service Centre has been enhanced.

(3) Partnership/Marketing alliances have been entered into with American Express, ITC Welcome Group, Hertz, Car Rental and Global One, whereby members enhance their opportunities to earn mileage points.

(4) Air India has a plan to set up Member Service Centres in other cities in India.

**Mangalore Airport Complex**

635. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Mangalore Airport Complex is totally inadequate to meet the growing passenger traffic;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to enlarge the terminal building with a view to providing better services and amenities to the passengers; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal, the financial implications and the targeted date of completion?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) During 9th Five Year Plan period, AAI has plans to construct a new Terminal Building and a new runway at Mangalore airport for operation of AB-320 class of aircraft and construction of a semi-permanent building to cater to the needs of international passengers. Detailed estimates

will be prepared only after the state Government hands over the land identified for the upgradation of the airport. A token provision of Rs. 50.00 lakhs has been made for this project.

**Notice to M/s Hotel Leela Venture to vacate the land of AAI**

636. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a notice to M/s Hotel Leela Venture on 27th October, 1996 to vacate the land which belongs to AAI;

(b) if so, whether M/s Hotel Leela Venture have since vacated the land; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to evict hotel from the AAI land?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. M/s Leela Venture Limited vacated the land on 24.05.1997.

(c) Does not arise.

**Prime Minister's reservations on Civil Aviation Policy**

637. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJI-RAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister during his recent visit to Nepal while addressing Indians and Nepalese trade representatives had expressed his grave reservations and dissatisfaction about the Indian Government's Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, what were his main reservations; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to modify and update the Civil Aviation Policy, to bring it in line with the trade and business requirements and the Policy of economic liberalisation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister had observed that he was dissatisfied with the civil aviation policy as it was, in his view, not in tune with the needs towards modernisation, globalisation and the South Asia Free Trade Area Concept. He felt that trade could not expand if air seats were not available.

(c) An internal exercise has been initiated by the Ministry to develop a comprehensive long-term national civil aviation policy with a perspective of around 10 to 15 years covering all sectors such as infrastructure development, air safety, air traffic management etc. This will be finalized within 3 months.

**Upgradation of fleets by Indian Airlines, Air India and Alliance Air**

638. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines, Air India and Alliance Air have been trying to update, expand and diversify their fleet operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any progress in the matter during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) Air India and Indian Airlines (including Alliance Air) have plans to continue renewal of their fleets during the Ninth Plan period. Air India has acquired two Boeing 747-400 aircraft during October-November, 1996. In addition, Air India plans to purchase MCLR aircraft.

Indian Airlines also plans to acquire six 50 seater aircraft.